

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-43. (cancelled)

44. (currently amended) A book comprising:

a plurality of sheets each having oppositely facing front and rear surfaces, the plurality of sheets comprising a plurality of sheet sets,

the book having a peripheral edge,

the peripheral edge having a first engagement location and a second engagement location that is different than the first engagement location; and

a binding that maintains the plurality of sheets together in a stacked arrangement with a top sheet and a bottom sheet,

the plurality of sheets comprising: a) a first sheet set within which each sheet has a front surface having one type of related material thereon; b) a second sheet set within which each sheet has a front surface having another type of related material thereon that is different than the one type of related material; c) at least one sheet in the second sheet set between sheets in the first sheet set; and d) at least one sheet in the first sheet set between sheets in the second sheet set,

the front surfaces of the sheets in the first sheet set overlying at least one sheet in the second sheet set each having a first engagement portion comprising a forwardly facing surface at the first engagement location, the sheets in the second sheet set ~~and at least one sheet between sheets in the first sheet set~~ underlying at least one sheet in the first sheet set each having ~~cutouts~~ a cutout at the first engagement location underlying one of

the forwardly facing surfaces so that the forwardly facing surface on each sheet in the first sheet set overlying a sheet in the second sheet set blocks a cutout in an underlying sheet in the second sheet set at the first engagement location as viewed from the front of the book, so that the first engagement portions are serially engaged by a user's thumb at the first engagement location and exposed by continuously gripping the book at the first engagement location with a rear surface on a user's thumb at the first engagement location and flipping the plurality of sheets from front to back so that the rear surface of the user's thumb passes through the cutouts without engaging the front surfaces of the at least one sheet in the second sheet set between sheets in the second sheet set underlying at least one sheet in the first sheet set, thereby serially engaging the forwardly facing surfaces and thereby serially exposing the front surfaces of the sheets in the first sheet set without engaging the sheets in the second sheet set underlying at least one sheet in the first sheet set and thereby exposing the front surfaces of the at least one sheet sheets in the second sheet set between sheets underlying at least one sheet in the first sheet set,

the front surfaces of the sheets in the second sheet set overlying at least one sheet in the first sheet set each having a second engagement portion comprising a forwardly facing surface at the second engagement location, the sheets in the first sheet set and at least one sheet between sheets in the second sheet set underlying at least one sheet in the second sheet set each having cutouts a cutout at the second engagement location underlying one of the forwardly facing surfaces so that the forwardly facing surface on each sheet in the second sheet set overlying a sheet in the first sheet set blocks a cutout in an underlying sheet in the first sheet set at the second engagement location as viewed from the front of the book, so that the second engagement portions are serially engaged by a

user's thumb at the second engagement location and exposed by continuously gripping the book at the second engagement location with a rear surface on a user's thumb at the second engagement location and flipping the plurality of sheets from front to back so that the rear surface on a user's thumb passes through the cutouts in the sheets in the first sheet set without engaging the front surfaces of ~~the at least one sheet between sheets in~~ the first sheet set underlying at least one sheet in the second sheet set, thereby serially engaging the forwardly facing surfaces and thereby exposing the front surfaces of the sheets in the second sheet set without engaging the sheets in the first sheet set underlying at least one sheet in the second sheet set and thereby exposing the front surfaces of the ~~at least one sheet~~ sheets in the first sheet set ~~between sheets~~ underlying at least one sheet in the second sheet set,

the plurality of sheets further comprising a sheet that directly overlies one of the sheets in the first sheet set and has a back surface with the one type of related material thereon that is fully exposed to view simultaneously with the one type of related material on the front surface of the one of the sheets in the first sheet set as the user flips from front to back with the first engagement location continuously grasped by the user.

45. (previously presented) The book according to claim 44 wherein the sheets in the plurality of sheets each has a peripheral edge, the peripheral edges of the sheets in the first sheet set each has a bound peripheral edge portion and an opposite peripheral edge portion, the binding is located at the bound peripheral edge portions of the sheets in the first sheet set, and the book at the opposite peripheral edge portions extends along a first line, as viewed from the front of the book, between a top and bottom of the book.

46. (currently amended) The book according to claim 45 wherein the sheets in the second sheet set have straight edge portions each extending along a second line that is at a slight angle to the first line thereby to define the cutouts in the sheets in the second sheet set between the first and second lines.

47. (currently amended) The book according to claim 45 wherein the opposite peripheral edge portions of sheets in the first sheet set are substantially parallel to the first line and at least ~~[[one]]~~ a first sheet between the first and second sheets has an opposite peripheral edge portion that is spaced from and substantially parallel to the first line to thereby define one of the cutouts in the first sheet between the opposite peripheral edge portion and the first line.

48. (currently amended) The book according to claim 45 wherein the opposite peripheral edge portion of a first sheet between sheets in the first sheet set extends in a substantially straight second line fully between the top and bottom of the book.

49. (currently amended) The book according to claim 48 wherein the second line is spaced from the first line to thereby define one of the cutouts in the first sheet between the first and second lines.

50. (previously presented) The book according to claim 44 wherein the peripheral edge has a third engagement location and a fourth engagement location that is different than the third engagement location, the plurality of sheets comprises: a) a third

sheet set within which each sheet has a rear surface having a third type of related material thereon; b) a fourth sheet set within which each sheet has a rear surface having a fourth type of related material thereon that is different than the third type of related material; c) at least one sheet between sheets in the third sheet set having a rear surface with a type of material that is not the third type of material; and d) at least one sheet between sheets in the fourth sheet set and having a rear surface with a type of material that is not the fourth type of material, the rear surfaces of the sheets in the third sheet set each having a third engagement portion at the third engagement location, the third engagement portions serially engaged at the third engagement location and exposed by continuously gripping the book at the third engagement location and flipping the plurality of sheets from back to front without engaging the rear surface of the at least one sheet between sheets in the third sheet set, thereby serially exposing the back surface of the sheets in the third sheet set without exposing the back surface of the at least one sheet between sheets in the third sheet set.

51. (previously presented) The book according to claim 50 wherein the rear surfaces of the sheets in the fourth sheet set each have a fourth engagement portion at the fourth engagement location, the fourth engagement portions serially engaged at the fourth engagement location and exposed by continuously gripping the book at the fourth engagement location and flipping the plurality of sheets from back to front without engaging the rear surfaces of the at least one sheet between sheets in the fourth sheet set, thereby serially exposing the rear surfaces of the sheets in the fourth sheet set without exposing the rear surfaces of the at least one sheet between sheets in the third sheet set.

52. (previously presented) The book according to claim 51 wherein the plurality of sheets further comprises a sheet that directly underlies one of the sheets in the third sheet set and has a front surface with the third type of related material thereon that is fully exposed to view simultaneously with the third type of related material on the back surface of the one of the sheets in the third sheet set as the user flips from back to front with the third engagement location continuously grasped by the user.

53. (previously presented) The book according to claim 44 wherein the front surfaces of the sheets in the first and second sheets comprises lined notebook surfaces.

54. (previously presented) The book according to claim 44 wherein the one type of related material comprises a first type of graphic image/element and the second type of material comprises a second type of graphic image/element that is different than the first type of graphic image/element.

55. (previously presented) The book according to claim 53 wherein the one type of related material comprises a first type of graphic image/element and the second type of material comprises a second type of graphic image/element that is different than the first type of graphic image/element.

56. (previously presented) The book according to claim 44 wherein only the front surfaces of the sheets in the first sheet set are exposed by gripping the book at the first

engagement location and flipping the plurality of sheets fully from the front to the back of the book.